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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 7, line 12, insert the following new heading:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 8, starting at line 3, insert the following new paragraphs:

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Figure 15a is a diagram of a particle shield in an eleventh embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 15b is a diagram of a particle shield in a variant of the eleventh embodiment of the present invention;

On page 8, at line 11, insert the following new heading:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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28. (Amended) A mask handling device according to Claim 25, wherein said particle shield comprises a heater for maintaining said mask at a temperature greater than its surroundings.

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30. (Amended) A mask handling device according to Claim 25, wherein said device is a mask storage box.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.